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RE: CC Docket No. 02-6
Request for Waiver

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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

This letter is an appeal of the SLD Decision dated June 14, 2004, for funding year 2004 Form 471, a letter advising our application is on hold because it was postmarked outside of window.

Billed Entity Name: Palestine Public Library Number 140752
Form 471 Application Number 435551

We seek an FCC Wavier of the rule of filing deadline for E-rate.

We appeal this decision based on the fact that a change in leadership was occurring at the time you sent the notification letter of deadlines for applying for E-rate for the year 2004 and the advising letter was overlooked.

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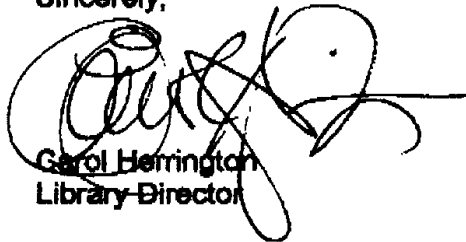
The person who had handled E-rate applications for the past several years was no longer with the library and the director at that time, Beth Perry, did not have E-rate at the forefront of her concerns for us.

I became interim director on 18 February. On the evening of 22 February, I went through a pile of papers left for me on the desk by the previous director and found your advising letter. The next morning, 23 February, I telephoned SLD and was advised to still apply, which we did.

The Palestine Public Library depends on E-rate to be able to provide Internet service to 2600+ library patron, computer users each month in rural East Texas. This includes use for children doing homework assignments, adults doing college level work, job seekers searching for employment, people communicating with family around the world, and for people engaged in job-skills computer training.

We implore you to waive the application deadline and continue to provide E-rate discounts to Palestine Public Library.

Sincerely,



Carol Herrington
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